

**Properties And Land Will Not Be Taken From Owners In Jalan Sultan, Says Najib Bernama  
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KUALA LUMPUR, April 9 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak dismissed claims that properties and land in Jalan Sultan will be taken from owners for the construction of the My Rapid Transit (MRT) project.

"That is absolutely not true. I can make a categorical assurance that we will not take over their land, we will not acquire their land but we only want permission to go below their land.

"And, in the process, we will make sure their properties are not affected.

"Secondly, we will declare their properties as heritage while properties that are not really that sound, structurally speaking, we will take action to fortify the buildings.

"So, we hope this will allay any fear they have over losing their much-valued, much-treasured properties," he said in a 90 minute interview called "Chat Time With Najib" broadcast live over NTV7 Monday night.

Najib was commenting on fears expressed by owners in the area that the government would take away their land to defray part of the project's cost.

The premier also addressed concerns that the gazette on land acquisition in Jalan Sultan had not yet been withdrawn.

"It will be withdrawn in a matter of time and all we want is their cooperation.

"The owners have conveyed to me that they are not against the MRT project.

"They think MRT is good for them, good for Kuala Lumpur and for all Malaysians, otherwise we will be facing horrific traffic jam and it will get worse in the future.

"If you want KL to be a world class and modern city to attract talents and to ensure quality of life, then one of the pre-requisite is to have an affordable and efficient public transportation system.

The MRT project is the nation's largest public infrastructure project and is a key enabler to achieving the Greater KL goal and propelling Kuala Lumpur into the top 20 most livable and economically vibrant cities in the world by 2020.

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